

### **Amendments to the Claims:**

This listing of claims will replace all prior version, and listings, of claims in the application:

### **Listing of Claims:**

Claims 1 to 7 (canceled).

8. (Currently Amended) A method for monitoring at least one sensor, comprising:

forming an error pattern for a monitoring of the at least one sensor with the aid of ~~at least one parameter, wherein the at least one parameter includes~~ an error word and at least one of ~~an error message~~, a sensor signal[[,]] and a status signal of a vehicle component, wherein the error pattern is formed by an evaluation module associated with the sensor using a stored look-up table, and wherein the error word indicates one of a plurality of different error types;  
transmitting the error pattern from the evaluation module to a processor; and  
evaluating the error pattern by the processor to form one of plurality of responsive measures depending on the error pattern.

9. (Currently Amended) The method as recited in Claim 8, wherein the ~~at least one parameter includes~~ error pattern is formed with the aid of the error word and sensor signals of at least two sensors.

10. (Currently Amended) The method as recited in Claim 8, further comprising:

~~transmitting from the at least one sensor the error pattern to a processor; and~~  
evaluating by the processor the sensor signal of the sensor as a function of the error pattern.

11. (Previously Presented) The method as recited in Claim 10, wherein the sensor signal is applied to a restraint system.

12. (Previously Presented) The method as recited in Claim 10, wherein the sensor signal is supplied to one of a vehicle dynamics system and a navigation system.